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Ref: 3368-20548

Honorable Philip N. Asprodites
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: 7200' Zone, Reservoir A
RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana
Applicant: Gulf Explorer, LLC

Dear Mr. Commissioner:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **Gulf Explorer, LLC** for the calling of a public hearing, after ten days legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters regarding the 7200' Zone, Reservoir A, Raphael Pass Field, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.

1. To permit applicant, Gulf Explorer, LLC to designate and utilize the James A. Whitson-Delta Duck Club No. 3 Well as an alternate unit well for the 7200' RA SUA, such well to be at the location shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof;
2. The 7200' Zone, in the Raphael Pass Field was previously defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 1069-B and is further defined as being that gas and condensate bearing zone encountered between the measured depths of 8,957 feet (7,070' VD) and 8,422 feet (7,529' VD) (electrical log measurements) in the James A. Whitson, Jr.-Delta Duck Club No. 3 Well, located in Section 14, Township 21 South, Range 20 East, Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana.
4. To make a specific finding that such proposed alternate unit well is necessary to effectively and efficiently drain a portion of the 7200' RA SUA which cannot be efficiently and economically drained by any other well within each unit.
5. To grant a single unit allowable for the 7200' RA SUA and to permit the operator of the unit to produce said unit allowables from the proposed alternate unit well, or from such wells in the unit, at its option;

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6. To confirm James A. Whitson, Jr. as the operator of the 7200' RA SUA.
7. To find that, except to the extent contrary in the order granted by the Commissioner of Conservation in connection with the hearing held on this application, the provisions of Office of Conservation No. 1069-B remain in full force and effect, and
8. To consider such other matters pertinent to this application as shown by the evidence presented at the hearing held on this matter.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof is a plat outlining the 7200' RA SUA showing the location of the alternate unit well together with a list of the names and addresses of all interested owners, interested parties and represented parties who are known to the applicant after reasonable search. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all such parties.

A copy of the list of the names and addresses of the interested owners, interested parties and represented parties is not being mailed to those parties along with this hearing application. Should any of these parties desire a copy of this list, however, we will be glad to provide one upon request.

Any pertinent data relating to this matter can be obtained at the cost of the requesting party, from Mr. Bill Dale of W. H. Robbins & Associates, Inc., 140 Rue Beauregard, Suite 100, Lafayette, LA 70508 (337) 232-5004.

Finally, there is enclosed our check on behalf of the applicant in the amount of \$700.00, made payable to the Office of Conservation, which represents the required hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

William F. Bailey
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Enclosures

cc: Mr. Richard D. Hudson
District Manager

Interested Parties, Interested Owners
and Represented Parties on attached list

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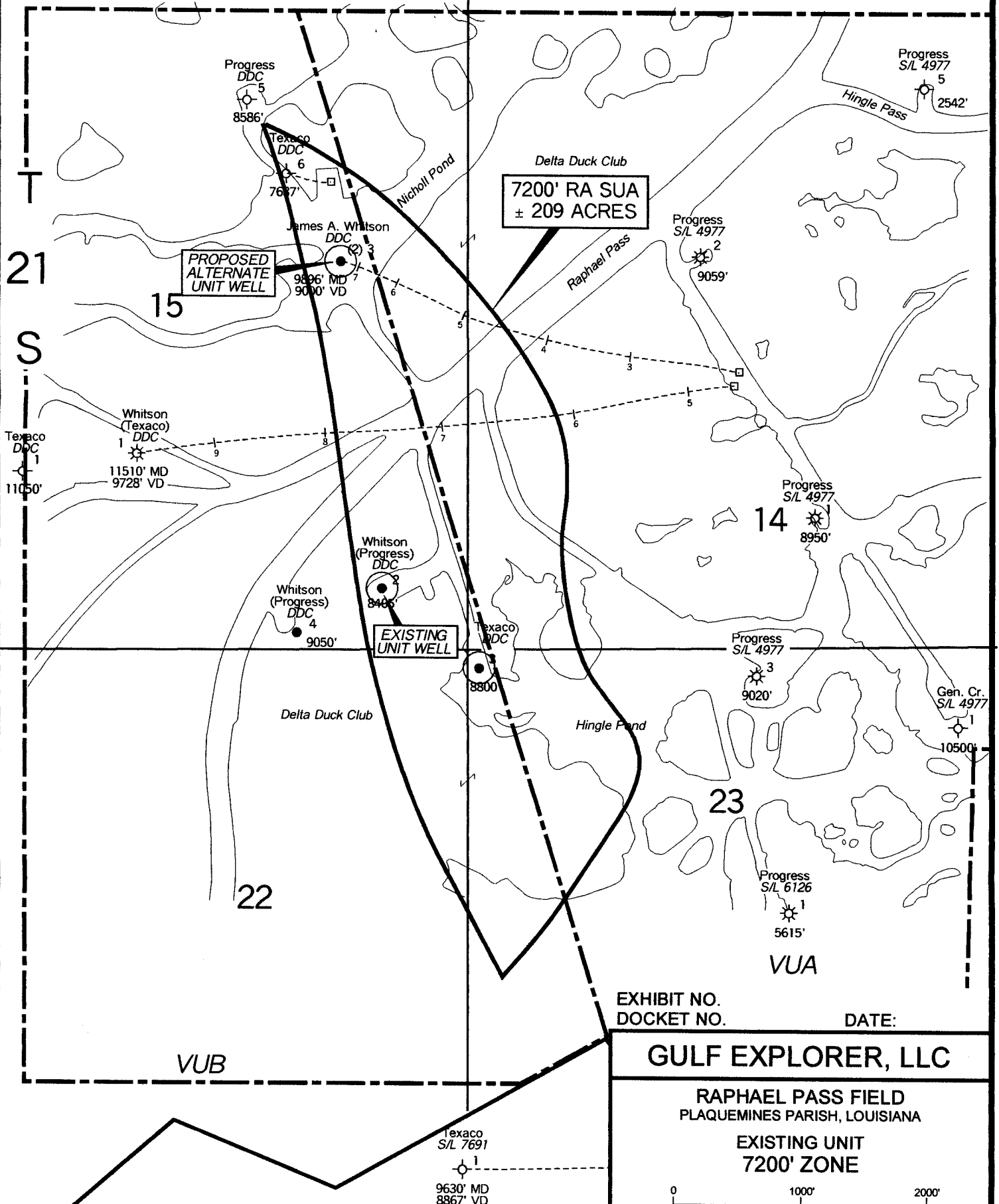


EXHIBIT NO.
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GULF EXPLORER, LLC

RAPHAEL PASS FIELD
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EXISTING UNIT
7200' ZONE

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